

27 JANUARY 2016

## CAST AMENDMENT

***TOSCA*** (Giacomo Puccini)

**2 and 5 February at 7.30pm**

Due to illness, South African soprano **Amanda Echalaz** has had to withdraw from singing the title role of *Tosca* on 2 and 5 February. The role of Floria Tosca will now be sung by Odessan-born soprano **Maria Guleghina** on 2 and 5 February.

**Maria Guleghina** previously performed the role of Floria Tosca for The Royal Opera in 1997, 2000 and 2004 in the Franco Zeffirelli production. Her other roles for The Royal Opera include Princess Fedora Romazov (*Fedora*), Lady Macbeth (*Macbeth*), Maddalena (*Andrea Chénier* in concert) and Odabella (*Attila*). She has recently sung Tosca for the Metropolitan Opera, New York.

The rest of the cast remains unchanged, with Uzbekistani tenor **Najmiddin Mavlyanov** as Mario Cavaradossi, Italian baritone **Roberto Frontali** as Baron Scarpia, Ukrainian baritone and Jette Parker Young Artist **Yuriy Yurchuk** as Cesare Angelotti, Australian tenor **Hubert Francis** as Spoletta, British baritone **Donald Maxwell** as Sacristan, British bass and Jette Parker Young Artist **David Shipley** as Sciarrone, Irish bass and member of The Royal Opera Chorus **John Morrissey** as Gaoler and British conductor **Paul Wynne Griffiths**.

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